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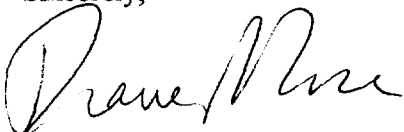
Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing to you regarding the use of antibiotics in livestock feed. This is an issue about which I am very concerned. Mounting evidence shows that the routine use of human antibiotics in livestock may diminish the drug's ability to cure infections in people. The FDA has the responsibility to ensure that the use of antibiotics on factory farms does not endanger human health, and I hope you will act on this issue. Please do not allow an antibiotic to be used in livestock feed if that antibiotic is used in human medicine.

While I am taking the time to write, I would also urge you to ban the use of bovine growth hormone. There have not been enough long-range studies performed to show possible long-term health effects of the widespread use of this hormone. I am a DES child battling severe health problems caused by DES exposure. (As you probably know, DES is a synthetic estrogen given to pregnant women in the 1940s-1971. Studies in the 1940s showed that it not only did not help, but possibly hurt unborn children. But it was not banned until 1971 when it was positively linked to cancer and other immune system problems. After it was banned for use in humans, it was fed to livestock, which was then consumed by humans. We are now finding health problems in the 3rd generation of those exposed -- mothers, children, and now their children. What was once touted as "the Wonder Drug" should certainly have been more closely scrutinized at the time.)

I mention DES as a reminder that the corporate interests of pharmaceutical companies and agribusiness should not take precedence over the public's health. Both the use of human antibiotics and the widespread use of growth hormone are Pandora's boxes of health problems that may not come to light immediately, but which will most likely be irreversible when they do. I urge you to act on these issues right away.

Sincerely,



cc: Working Assets, Citizen's Letters

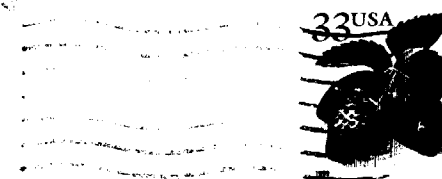
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